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Application No.: 10/530,364 ) Examiner: Knable, Geoffrey L.  
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For: METHOD AND AN APPARATUS )  
FOR ASSEMBLING TYRES FOR )  
VEHICLE WHEELS )

Commissioner for Patents  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement includes a statement as specified by Section 1.97(e).

The foreign patent documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in a Notification of Reasons for Rejection ("Notification") from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that Office Action. A copy of the Notification and its English translation are enclosed. A copy of

the listed foreign document is also attached, along with an English abstract for the listed foreign document. Applicant does not endorse the conclusions set forth in the Notification.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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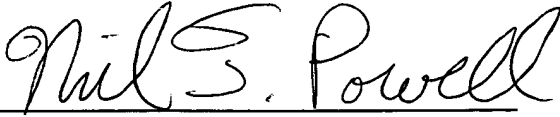
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Respectfully submitted,

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